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1. FOLLOWING EXCERPTS CONTAIN SUBSTANCE OF REMARKS MADE
IN ARTICLE BY EDITOR OF LE SOLEIL AND GOS SPOKESMAN WHICH
MAY BE TAKEN AS OFFICIAL SENEGALESE ATTITUDE TOWARDS
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QUOTE: CEAO OR ECOWAS? ... CEAO HAS THE MERIT OF BEING IN EXISTENCE FOR TWO YRS; ...ECOWAS, BY CONTRAST, IS ONLY A DECLARATION OF INTENTION. CERTAINLY THEY ARE VERY GOOD INTENTION TO WHICH MEMBER STATES OF THE CEAO HAVE SUBSCRIBED OUT OF CONCERN FOR AFRICAN UNITY AND IN THE SPIRIT OF DIALOGUE. IT IS THEREFORE NO MORE OR NO LESS THAN AN ACT OF FAITH AND RENEWED CONFIDENCE IN THE REALIZATION OF THE IDEAS WHICH ANIMATE US. IN PARTICULAR, IT IS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CEAO, A FIRM PROMISE OF EXPANDING THEIR IDEAS ON WEST AFRICA WHICH GOES, NOT FROM NOUAKCHOTT TO LAGOS, BUT FROM NOUAKCHOTT TO KINSHASHA.

ARTICLE 6 OF THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE LAGOS MEETING... IS WITHOUT DOUBT THE MOST IMPORTANT.

NOT ONLY DOES IT RECOGNIZE THE EXISTENCE OF PREVIOUSLY EXISTING GROUPS, THAT IS THE CEAO, AND THEIR RIGHT TO CONTINUE THEIR ACTIVITIES, BUT IT RECOMMENDS, BESIDES, TO SPARE NO EFFORT TO ATTRACT THE OTHERS. IT IS A QUESTION OF THE COUNTRIES OF EX-EQUATORIAL AFRICA AND ZAIRE.

IT IS THE TRIUMPH OF THE SENEGALESE THESIS ON UNITY BASED ON CONCENTRIC CIRCLES--SUB-GROUPS AND REGIONAL GROUPS. IT IS ALSO THE ACCEPTANCE BY OUR PARTNERS OF OUR CONCEPTION OF A WEST AFRICA WHICH WOULD INCLUDE, AT THE SAME TIME AS THE ANGLOPHONE STATES LIKE NIGERIA, THE REP. OF ZAIRE.

FOR ECOWAS, THEREFORE, THE REAL WORK IS JUST BEGINNING.

IT IS A QUESTION OF ELABORATING, IN THE COMING WEEKS THE ANNEXED PROTOCOLS WHICH ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE WORK, AND WHICH WILL SETTLE ALL THE PROBLEMS REMAINING IN SUSPENSE SUCH AS MONETARY AND CUSTOMS PROBLEMS, SOLIDARITY FUNDS, ETC.

CEAO FOR ITS PART WILL ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE DRAFTING OF THE PROTOCOLS UPON WHICH THE EXISTENCE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THE NEW ORGANIZATION DEPENDS. UNQUOTE.

2. WE UNAWARE OF ANY INTER-CHANGE BETWEEN GOS AND GOZ WITH REGARD TO ZAIRE'S PARTICIPATING IN ECOWAS. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS ADDRESSEES MIGHT HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT.
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